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Application No: To be assigned) Emerson Docket No. M-7327
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Title: **System and Method for**) Group Art Unit: To be assigned
Communicating with an Appliance)
Through an Optical Interface Using)
A Control Panel Indicator)

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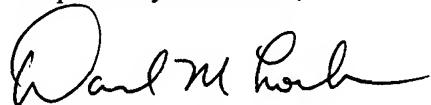
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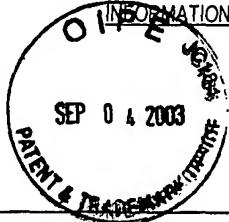
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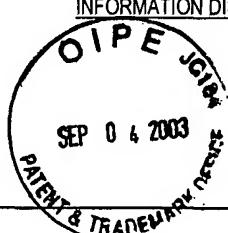
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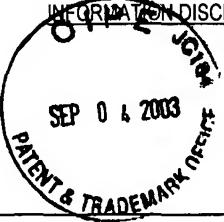
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